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1. SUMMARY. VIEWS OF AMBASSADOR ROD GREY CONCERNING IM-
POSSIBILITY OF CONCLUDING MTN NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977 ARE
WIDELY SHARED AT OFFICIAL LEVEL IN OTTAWA. END SUMMARY.

2. ON DAY GLOBE AND MAIL HEADLINED GREY'S ALLEGED PUBLIC
STATEMENT THAT U.S. NEGOTIATORS WERE BEING IRRESPONSIBLE
IN CONTINUING TO CALL FOR COMPLETION OF TOKYO ROUND BY END
OF 1977 (PARA 9 REFTEL), ONE OF HIS OTTAWA TRADE POLICY
COMPATRIOTS (WHO HAD BEST REMAIN NAMELESS) COMMENTED TO
EMBOFF "THAT'S A TYPICAL ROD GREY-ISM AND AN UILLUSTRATION
OF WHY HE WAS BANISHED TO GENEVA. I THINK HE IS REALISTIC
IN HIS APPRAISAL OF THE TIMING BUT I'M SURPRISED HE DIDN'T
REMEMBER THAT HIS OWN PRIME MINISTER SIGNED THE PUERTO RICAN
SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE REAFFIRMING 1977 AS THE TARGET."
(COMMENT: "BANISHED" IS PROBABLY NOT THE MOST ACCURATE
WORD BUT THERE WAS A GOOD DEAL OF EVIDENT SATISFACTION
WHEN GREY LEFT OTTAWA? HE APPARENTLY IS AS DIFFICULT
WITH HIS CANADIAN COLLEAGUES AS HE CAN BE IN INTER-
NATIONAL NEGOTIATIONS.)

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3. UPON RECEIPT OF REFTEL REPORTING GREY'S DESCRIPTION OF "CANADA'S VIEW" THAT 1977 IS NOT FEASIBLE EXCEPT ON MINI-PACKAGE BASIS, EMBOFF QUERIED EASTHAM (TRADE POLICY, MINISTRY INDUSTRY, TRADE AND COMMERCE) ON PRESENT OTTAWA THINKING.

4. EASTHAM TOLD EMBOFF THAT WHILE CANADA AT PUERTO RICO WENT ALONG WITH RAMBOUILLET TIMETABLE ON MTN AND AT HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL IT IS STILL GOC AIM TO TRY TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977, THOSE INVOLVED REALISTICALLY "DON'T THINK THERE IS A HOPE IN HELL" THAT IT IS POSSIBLE TO CONCLUDE THE NEGOTIATIONS IN 1977. EASTHAM WENT ON TO SAY HE COULD NOT THINK OF ANYONE IN OTTAWA WHO THINKS IT IS POSSIBLE.

5. ACCORDING TO EASTHAM, OPTIMISTIC ECONOMIC PROSPECTS AT TIME OF PUERTO RICO HAVE SINCE CHANGED--ECONOMIES OF MEMBER COUNTRIES HAVE NOT TURNED OUT AS WELL AS WAS ANTICIPATED AND THIS HAS CAUSED NATURAL AND UNFORESEEN SLOWDOWN; AGRICULTURE STILL LARGELY DEADLOCKED ALTHOUGH SOME PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE IN NOTIFICATION EXERCISE; TACKLING LARGE NUMBER OF NTB'S HAS MADE THIS ROUND NEGOTIATIONS MUCH MORE COMPLICATED THAN PREVIOUS ROUNDS; AND NEGOTIATING VARIOUS CODES IS A TIME-CONSUMING PROCESS. ALTOGETHER, MORE TIME IS NEEDED IN SPITE OF GOOD WILL AND DESIRE TO CONCLUDE NEGOTIATIONS EARLY AS POSSIBLE.

6. GOC IS AFRAID "THOSE INTERESTS NEAREST AND DEAREST TO US WOULD BE JETTISONED." EASTHAM SAID, IF MINI-PACKAGE SETTLEMENT ATTEMPTED. HE EXPECTED GOC WOULD STRONGLY OPPOSE SETTLEMENT ON MINI-PACKAGE BASIS FOR SAKE OF DEADLINE.
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